

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Jean-François MERINO et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit Unknown
Appln. No.	:	Not Yet Assigned)	(3618 in parent appln.)
		(Continuation of 09/915,454))	
)	Examiner Not Yet Known
Docket No.	:	P24656)	(Hau Phan in parent appln.)
)	
Customer No.	:	7055)	
)	
Filed	:	Concurrently Herewith)	
)	
Title	:	BOARD OF A GLIDING APPARATUS)	
		AND GLIDING APPARATUS)	
		INCLUDING SUCH BOARD)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The first listing of documents, immediately below, are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for reasons that they were cited by Applicants in parent application No. 09/915,454:

European Patent Publication No. 0 441 318 (INSTITUT "JOZEF STEFAN"),
published on August 14, 1991;

German Patent Publication No. 35 13 020 (SCHUSTER S.A.), published on October 23, 1986;

Austrian Patent No. 390 005 (ÖSTERREICHISCHES FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM SEIBERSDORF GMBH), granted on March 12, 1990;

International Patent Publication No. WO 99/54005 (ADAGE GROUPE IER), published on October 28, 1999; and

Canadian Patent Application Publication No. 2,238,529 (LALOR et al.), published on November 25, 1999.

The second listing of documents, appearing immediately below, are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for reasons that they were cited by the Examiner in parent application No. 09/915,454:

U.S. Patent No. 4,627,635 (KOLEDA), issued on December 9, 1986;

U.S. Patent No. 4,671,529 (LeGRAND et al.), issued on June 9, 1987;

U.S. Patent No. 5,806,875 (BONVALLET), issued on December 15, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 6,095,547 (VANDERGRIFT et al.), issued on August 1, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,275,153 (BROOKS), issued on August 14, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,371,380 (TANIMUR), issued on April 16, 2002;

French Patent Publication No. 2 778 987 (LALOR et al.), published on November 26, 1999; and

German Patent Publication No. 10 017 142 (SCHREINER), published on October 11, 2001.

In the parent application, French Patent Publication No. 2 778 987 was relied upon by the examiner in a rejection for obviousness, in combination with U.S. Patent No. 4,671,529.

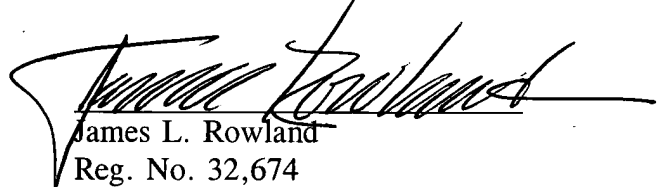
Copies of the above-mentioned documents can be found in parent application No. 09/915,454 and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, copies are not attached. However, if the Examiner were to request copies, Applicants will provide same.

In addition, the above-mentioned documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the above-mentioned documents and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-François MERINO et al.


James L. Rowland
Reg. No. 32,674

December 11, 2003
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191

(703) 716-1191 (telephone)
(703) 716-1180 (fax)

Form PTO-1449		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office		Atty. Docket No. P24656		Application No. Not Yet Assigned								
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)				Applicants Jean-François MERINO et al.										
				Filing Date Concurrently Herewith		Group Art Unit Not Yet Known								
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS														
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER						DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
		4	6	2	7	6	3	5	12-1986	KOLEDA	280	602		
		4	6	7	1	5	2	9	6-1987	LeGRAND et al.	280	610		
		5	8	0	6	8	7	5	12-1998	BONVALLET	280	602		
		6	0	9	5	5	4	7	8-2000	VANDERGRIFT et al.	280	602		
		6	2	7	5	1	5	3	8-2001	BROOKS	340	568.6		
		6	3	7	1	3	8	0	4-2002	TANIMUR	235	497		
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS														
		DOCUMENT NUMBER						DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO		
			3	9	0	0	0	5	3-1990	AUSTRIA	-----	-----		X
			0	4	4	1	3	8	8-1991	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE	-----	-----	ENGLISH	
			2	7	7	8	9	8	11-1999	FRANCE	-----	-----		X
			2	2	3	8	5	2	11-1999	CANADA	-----	-----	ENGLISH	
			3	5	1	3	0	2	10-1986	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	-----	-----		X
		1	0	0	1	7	1	4	10-2001	GERMANY	235	497		X
		WO	99	/	5	4	0	0	10-1999	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORG.	-----	-----	ABSTRACT	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)														
EXAMINER										DATE CONSIDERED				
*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.														